

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Procedural Background

On March 30, 2005, a final Office Action was mailed rejecting all then-pending claims, i.e., claims 13-41. In response, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal, and submitted an Appeal Brief on August 9, 2005.

Prosecution was then re-opened with the mailing of a non-final Office Action on September 13, 2005. In the non-final Office Action, claims 13-36 and 40-41 were rejected. Although claims 37-39 were objected to, the non-final Office Action indicated at p. 13 that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

On December 7, 2005, Applicants re-instated the appeal by filing a new Notice of Appeal. A new Appeal Brief is being submitted together with this Amendment After Appeal.

Argument

Rule 41.33(b)(2) provides that amendments filed on or after the filing of an Appeal Brief may be admitted if they rewrite dependent claims into independent form.

This is precisely what is being done here. Applicants are filing their Appeal Brief together with this Amendment After Appeal. The present amendment, moreover, re-

writes claim 37 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 38 and 39, which depend from claim 37, have been left un-changed.

As Applicants have complied with Rule 41.33(b)(2), they hereby request that the present amendment be entered thereby placing claims 37-39 in condition for allowance, and removing these claims from the re-instated appeal.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and early favorable action is requested.

Authorization to Debit Deposit Account

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,



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